



FIRED UP! JULY SERMON SERIES

Pastor Mitch Todd will join us for his first Sunday with Wamego UMC on July 5 and we're kicking things off Boomtown style! Learn more about summer sermon series, "Fired Up!" on page two.



REOPENING TOUR

The list of guidelines necessary to keep us safe can feel overwhelming! Things will look different but it won't all be bad and it won't be forever. In [this short video](#), Lay Leader, Corey Reeves, gives a great visual of what to expect.



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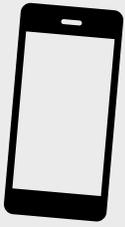


WORSHIP AT 600 LINCOLN — For the past few months, a team of our church leaders have been busy preparing a plan to safely reopen our sanctuary for worship. We will gather at 600 Lincoln on Pastor Mitch's first Sunday at Wamego UMC — July 5.

We will offer contemporary worship at 8:30 AM and traditional worship at 11:00 AM. Both will be available online and in person. We know many of you will continue to worship online for some time and we will continue making online worship a priority!

To be able to gather in our sanctuary safely and gracefully, things will have to look a little different for a while. If you do plan to worship in the sanctuary, please review [our guidelines](#) before you arrive. Please note, as things evolve, our guidelines will as well.

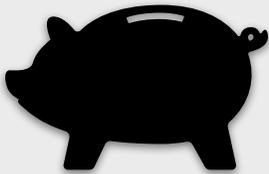




FAREWELL VIDEOS

Although we still don't know when, Pastor Michael will return for a celebratory reunion when it is safe to do so. We would love to have a compilation of video messages to share with him at this event.

If you'd like to be included, please email us your videos by July 31. Feel free to get creative, just keep it under 15 seconds. Videos can be shot using a phone, computer or whatever you have available.



ONLINE GIVING

In times of crisis, the ministry of the church is more vital than ever. We pray you'll remain faithful in your financial giving.

We have several options to make that as easy as possible for you. Learn more about online giving at wamegoumc.org/giving.

ONLINE PATRIOTIC CONCERT — Although we won't be quite ready to host a concert in our sanctuary by the Fourth of July, we will continue the tradition of our patriotic concert. This year, you can enjoy patriotic performances from our talented members online! The video will premiere on facebook.com/wamegoumc at 2:00 PM on Saturday. Join us live to interact with others as the awe-inspiring performances unfold or watch it later.



FIRED UP! — Pastor Mitch will join us for his first Sunday at Wamego UMC on July 5 and we're kicking things off Boomtown style with a sermon series titled "Fired Up!" The theme for the day? Fireworks! Perhaps the best show in town this year.

Get fired up each Sunday this month:

- July 5 — Fired Up: Fireworks
- July 12 — Fired Up: Citronella
- July 19 — Fired Up: Fireflies
- July 26 — Fired Up: Smores





FOOD PANTRY

The Council of Churches Food Pantry, located in our church, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to noon.

To keep everyone safe, we have made adjustments to the distribution process and increased sanitization. Learn more at wamegoumc.org/foodpantry.

FEED THE FLINT HILLS — Eagle Media recently launched a project called Feed the Flint Hills and raised \$16,000 for the Geary County Food Pantry. They have now chosen two more food pantries to help out — Flint Hills Breadbasket and Wamego Council of Churches Food Pantry!

With the help of a generous grant from The Robert E. & Patricia Schmidt Foundation, they are able to match donations up to \$10,000 between the two pantries — that's up to \$5,000 for our food pantry alone! Donations can be made for the next several months at feedtheflinthills.com.



HYVEE BREAD

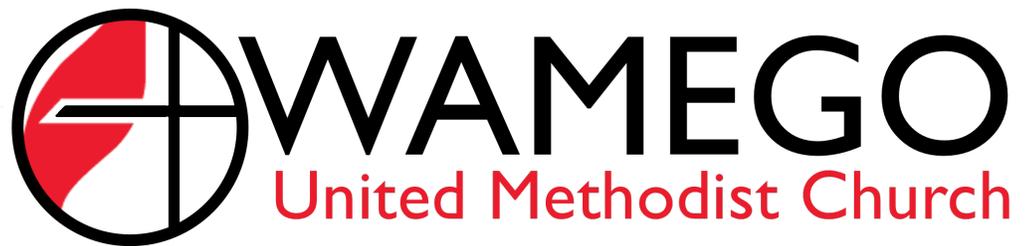
Because we are unable to have our Hyvee bread table open on Sundays at this time, we invite you pick up bread during food pantry hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12 PM).

MEALS ON WHEELS — As many of you know, our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels in July. Due to the pandemic, many of our regulars are unable to volunteer this year. If you're at home more often this summer or searching for something to do with the kids, we encourage you to give this a try!

Deliveries are contactless and meals can be picked up at the Senior Center, 10:45-11:00 AM. All you need is 30 minutes and your own transportation. If you're interested in volunteering for a week or even a day, please contact our office. Your time makes a great difference in the lives of the seniors in our community.



The ladies of the United Methodist Church have been very good at using their gifts of the spirit to encourage and uplift the congregation for over 150 years. Earliest records go back to 1907. At that time the women's organization was called "The Ladies and Pastors Christian Union". By 1913 the name had been shortened to "The Ladies Aid". A very appropriate name for the work these early ladies did.



In Our Rearview Mirror by Teresa Weixelman

In 1907 the minutes indicate that they pledged \$1000 to the building fund. That must have been a very generous pledge. An entry in June 1907 shows that they made \$4.95 at the food sale. A lot of food sales were needed to raise \$1000. They had food sales, sold cookbooks, made quilts, held silver teas, served dinners, wove rugs, held ice cream socials and served in many other capacities as they answered God's call to serve in this small Kansas town. They paid the last \$400 of the \$1000 pledge in November, 1908. And guess what, on March 25 of 1909 they pledged another \$1000 on the day the new church was dedicated. The church that we use 109 years later.

As you worship on Sunday morning, in our sanctuary or online, take a moment to reflect back to the 1990's and give thanks for the ladies of our church who still cook food, serve funeral dinners, make quilts and run The Thrift Shop with such dedication and devotion that they can sponsor numerous missions, locally, nationally and globally. Thank you United Methodist Women for over 150 years of service and dedication.

The photo on the right, taken in 1909, shows the ladies of the church (probably The Ladies Aid) gathered around a large hole where a tree is being planted. A few of the ladies are identified but most are not. The lady in front with the shovel is Mrs. J.E. Stewart. She would become Bart Stewart's great, great grandmother. Her husband, Mr. J.E. Stewart, served as president on the Board of Trustees in 1909 when the present stone church was dedicated.



The lady on the far left in the back row of the photo is Mrs. O. B. Larson. Marjorie Schowengerdt, who was born a Knostman, shared this information about the Larsons and Knostmans in those early years. The Knostmans ran a men's clothing store on the 400 block of Lincoln Avenue while the Larsons ran a women's clothing store on the 500 block. They were both competitive in their businesses, however, they were all good methodists and attended the church on the 600 block. As the story goes, when the bishop came to Wamego to encourage the congregation to build the new stone church, Mr. O. B. Larson made a generous donation to the project. She was heard saying, "There went my indoor bathroom!"